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## Update for the September 21 City of Ocala General and Special Election

Marion County, FL. September 16 - Marion County Supervisor of Elections Wesley Wilcox reminds voters that Tuesday, September 21, 2021, is Election Day for the City of Ocala General and Special Election. Only voters registered within the Ocala city limits are eligible to vote in this election and are strongly encouraged to do so.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at all 19 Ocala polling locations on Election Day. Voters are required to cast a ballot in the precinct in which they reside and must provide a current and valid photo and signature identification to vote. Voters can lookup their voting location and sample ballot at www.VoteMarion.Gov.

The deadline to request a vote-by-mail ballot be mailed was September 11. However, a voter may pick up their own vote-by-mail ballot or designate in writing any person to pick up their blank ballot up until September 20. A designee is limited to picking up vote-by-mail ballots for two other voters per election (not including their own ballot and the ballots for immediate family members).

Voted mail ballots must be received by the Supervisor of Elections office by 7 p.m. Election Day to be counted. To ensure timely receipt, it is currently recommended to return voted mail ballots in person to the Election Center, 981 NE 16th Street, Ocala. Due to SB 90, the 24/7 ballot drop box that was located outside of the Election Center has been removed. However, voters may still utilize the ballot drop box inside, available during business hours, M-F 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Voters can check their mail ballot status on the Supervisor of Elections website<u>www.VoteMarion.Gov</u> and are encouraged to sign up for email, SMS (text), or voice call alerts at <u>www.MarionBallotTrax.com</u>.

Unofficial voter turnout can be tracked atwww.VoteMarion.Gov and is updated every 10 minutes to reflect current returns. As of today, 10,332 vote-by-mail ballots have been mailed to voters with a request on file and 3,731 ballots have been returned to our office, equating to nearly 10% voter turnout.

A copy of the election results can be viewed and monitored atwww.VoteMarion.Gov/ElectionResults. The first set of unofficial election results will be posted by 7:30 p.m. and updated every 15 minutes thereafter until all precincts are reported. Results are unofficial until the Canvassing Board certifies the election.

For more information, visit <u>www.VoteMarion.Gov</u> or call 352-620-3290.

